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TASK FORCE 16

Commander's Update

Col. Brian Connelly



Greetings from Afghanistan!

TASMG has gone to the dogs! Or at least it's Commander has. Last month I had the opportunity to travel throughout Afghanistan and see all the great work our forward TASMG Soldiers are accomplishing under austere conditions. And while the highlights of that trip were awarding several medals for extraordinary achievement and "combat patches" to our troops, I know my Command Sergeant Major and Detachment Commanders are detailing those further in this newsletter, so I will tell you about one of the more unusual experiences on my trip - meeting Niko the Military Working Dog (MWD).

Yes, there are German Shepherds guarding Task Force Retriever! MWD's protect TASMG Soldiers at every location in both Afghanistan and Kuwait by detecting explosives, guarding the base perimeters, and tracking/chasing down anybody that might want to do us harm. I had the opportunity to meet Niko on the C-17 flight from Kuwait to Afghanistan, and later "train" with him for an afternoon while at Bagram Air Base. In old ruins near our TASMG Detachment building, his handler demonstrated how Niko sniffs out and "alerts" on bomb making material we'd previously hidden and buried out of sight of the dog. And after that demo, I was able to don the "bite suit" to get an up-close-and-personal example of how Niko apprehends bad guys. (We still remained buddies after the demo). It was quite the experience!

But I am not the only Soldier in the TASMG that has been hanging with the hounds - our Bagram Detachment gets a visit every Friday from "MAJ Eden," a Labrador who retired as a MWD and works now as a therapy dog. I didn't get to meet MAJ Eden myself, but I hear our TASMG contingent there very much looks forward to her weekly stress-relief visits! I'll leave it to them to share stories and pictures of the good Major.

By happenstance, the book *War Dogs: Tales of Canine Heroism, History, and Love* was released the day before I was to depart Afghanistan, so I quickly downloaded it onto my iPad to read on the flight back. My words wouldn't quite do it justice, so I'll just leave this fellow Soldier's recent online review: "A truly wonderful account of 'man's best friend' in combat—and post-combat—missions: an inspirational, moving book that explains the extraordinary nature of the relationship between dogs and their military handlers in war and the equally extraordinary nature of the relationships between canine companions and military veterans dealing with the seen and unseen wounds of combat." —General David H. Petraeus (U.S. Army, Retired).



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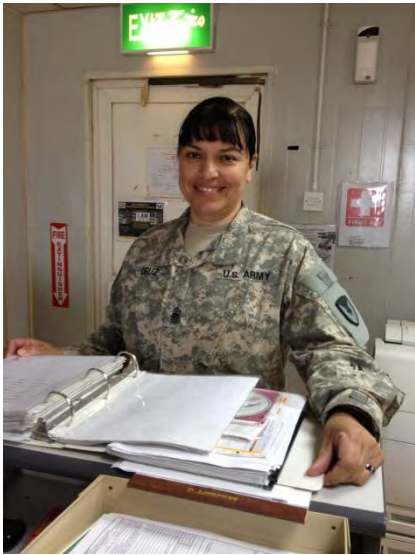
Col. Brian Connelly wears a "bite-suit" to work with Niko, a military working dog.

Command Sergeant Major

Command Sgt. Maj. Nilsa Cruz

Hello Soldiers, families, and friends of the 1100th TASMG. Thank you for your support and well wishes.

During the month of October I completed the battlefield circulation and visited the Soldiers that are currently stationed in Afghanistan. The Soldiers in Afghanistan are executing the retrograde mission throughout various locations in Afghanistan; they are retrieving high value aircraft repair parts and tools saving a great amount of U.S. dollars. The teams are working hard and long hours with the main goal of accomplishing the mission before the deadline. Kudos to all of them for the good job they are doing.



During my visit we had the Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service Ceremony. This ceremony is a tradition started during the World War II. To earn the combat patch, a Soldier must serve in a theater of operation that is declared a combat zone or hostile environment by the Secretary of the Army or a higher official. By volunteering to serve in our nation’s Army and deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, our Soldiers in Afghanistan have earned the right to wear the combat patch of the U.S. Army Materiel Command (AMC) on their right shoulder, indicating wartime service. Congratulations and wear it with pride!

Also during my visit two Soldiers extended their enlistment contract. Please send your congratulations to Spc. Daneaa Natt and Spc. Roberto Adams.



Command Sgt. Maj. Nilsa Cruz places the AMC shoulder sleeve insignia on Staff Sgt. Willie Johnson during the ceremony.

My last stop was at Udairi, Kuwait. The Soldiers stationed at this location are conducting aviation maintenance and aviation aircraft repair on parts. These Soldiers are also working hard and long hours. Their efforts greatly contribute to the overall accomplishment of the 1100th TASMG mission. Kudos and keep up the good work!! Also during my visit I attended Spc. Teneka King’s graduation from the Warrior Leader Course (WLC). Please send your congratulations to her, as well.

Family members, your Soldiers are doing great things. I am extremely proud of all that the Soldiers of the 1100th TASMG and what they have accomplished, you should be too. Please continue your support and stay in contact with your Soldiers. Your support is much appreciated.

CSM Nilsa Cruz
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Col. Brian Connelly and Command Sgt. Maj. Nilsa Cruz with Lt. Col. Mayb Sersland during their visit to Afghanistan.

1100th TASMG Soldiers will be a part of the Veteran’s Day pre-game ceremony at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.



Tune in to watch our Soldiers introduce the National Anthem via live feed from Bagram, Afghanistan to the Ravensvision big screen on **November 9th 1300 EST** when the Baltimore Ravens take on the Tennessee Titans.

Warrior Leader Course

By 2nd Lt. Ashley Meister

On 4 October 14 Sgt. David M. Cimino, Spc. Gregory W. Hobbs and Spc. Charles D. Brauning graduated WLC. WLC is the first leadership course non-commissioned officers attend that prepares Soldiers for the rank of Sergeant and is a requirement to get promoted from Specialist (this requirement was recently added). Soldiers deployed overseas in the Middle East have the option of attending WLC at Camp Buehring, Kuwait instead of in the States. Soldiers see this as a benefit because instead of using a month of their summer for Army training, they are able to avoid taking leave from their civilian jobs, or having less time to spend with their families.



Spc. Charles Brauning, Sgt. David Cimino and Spc. Gregory Hobbs completed Warrior Leader Course, the first of several Noncommissioned Officer Education System courses required for progression. (Photo courtesy of 2nd Lt. Ashley Meister.)



Master Sgt. Nerissa Bishop and Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Olsh congratulate Spc. Teneka King after the WLC graduation. (Photo courtesy of CW3 John Olsh.)

Although these Soldiers were able to complete WLC while on Title IX, it was no walk in the park. Cimino said “waking up at 4am every day for the first week and a half to do Physical Readiness Training (PRT), and marching to chow for every meal” was his least favorite part. Cimino also described a normal day in the life of a Soldier attending WLC. “0400 wake up for PRT, shower, 0700 breakfast, 0800 class until 1200 then lunch, class till 1600, cleanup then dinner at 1700 followed by Commandant’s time (free time) till 2100, lights out at 2230.” Brauning agreed with Cinimo and said his least favorite part of WLC was “2100 formation and having to wear a camelback everywhere.”

All the time hacks and formations aside, the Soldiers learned a great of information while at WLC. “The most valuable skill that I learned at WLC would have to be learning about the different paper work items such as NCOERs, award forms, sworn statements, etc. I can honestly see myself having to use these in the future very frequently,” said Hobbs. Leadership, training management, drill and ceremony, map reading, land navigation and warfighting are the topics that are taught during the course.

Spc. Teneka M. King recently joined the ranks of graduates. King stated her favorite part of WLC was meeting new people and learning ideas from her classmates. “I know I learned how to be a good NCO,” King said. “That’s something I really got out of the class.” She graduated 26 October and made the Commandant’s List, which is the top 20 percent of graduates.



Left to right: Cpt. Marshall Stevens, Sgt. First Class Larry Hudler, Spc. Charles Brauning, Spc. Gregory Hobbs, Sgt. David Cimino, Command Sgt. Maj. Nilsa Cruz, and 1st Sgt. David White in Camp Beuhring after the WLC graduation. (Photo courtesy of 2nd Lt. Ashley Meister.)

Company Commander

Cpt. Marshall Stevens



1100th TASMG Soldiers, families, and friends,

We continue our mission throughout the U.S. Central Command Theater moving into our fourth month. It has been a month of great accomplishment for our aviation retrograde and

maintenance support detachments in Kuwait and Afghanistan. Looking at all we have developed and completed in just three months, it is impressive. Additionally, this month we have celebrated combat patch ceremonies, promotions, extensions, and Warrior Leader Course graduations. Continue your diligent work TASMG Soldiers.

As we enter the middle months of our deployment, it is typically this period that Soldiers are vulnerable to complacency and safety risks. Soldiers and supervisors, it is your duty to enforce standards and make on the spot corrections. Stay vigilant. Let's not allow one moment of bad judgment to jeopardize months of hard work.

As we approach Thanksgiving, there are many reasons to be thankful. Knowing that we are making a difference and having a support system from our families, a rear detachment, and our country makes a huge difference. Being deployed, I see Soldiers struggling with being away from their families daily. Whether it is missing weddings, birthdays, holidays, or funerals, we are all making sacrifices to serve our country abroad. As commander, I am proud of the accomplishments and have a great respect for such a professional group. Your efforts are making a difference and are recognized. You are appreciated and I thank each of you.

CPT Marshall J. Stevens
Semper Volans!



Spc. Marcus McGee, Staff Sgt. George Harrod, Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Gunter and Staff Sgt. Amber Love built shelves and organized the warehouse to make way for equipment coming from Afghanistan.

First Sergeant

1st Sgt. David White



We are moving right along and everything is going well. Congratulations to Spc. DeAngelo Bell and Sgt. Christopher Cox, two Soldiers who recently reenlisted and whom I thank for their dedicated that the TASMG Soldiers service. Spc. Teneka King is our most recent graduate of WLC and who also made the Commandant's list, congratulations! The task force continues to do great things in the region to support our troops.

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving celebration this month. We will miss home and the great home cooking that we enjoy each year with our loved ones. Please know that your Soldier will have a festive and generous meal while deployed, the DFAC (dining facility) always puts out a nice spread. It will not be home but, it will be nice.

As always I want to thank our families, Family Readiness Group (FRG), volunteers and kind supporters for all that they continue to do for us. I would like to send a special thank you to Mr. Robert Strahl with A Taste of Home for their very generous donations.

God Bless All of You,
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1st Sgt. David White leads the way while Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Harris carries the guidon during the Enlisted Run.



Spider-Girl, otherwise known as Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles, gets to work on those TPS reports.

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain Lonny Wortham

When was the last time you opened your heart to one of your family members. What did you say? In Dr. Gary Chapman's book *The Five Love Languages*, he describes various ways that people interpret love. One of the five, is Words of Affirmation. In short, these are words that build up and encourage, they convey value, worth, honor and respect. One of the things that I love is that when you put words of hope and encouragement in writing the person can go back and read it again and again. In order to assist you with this assignment should you choose to accept it here are some basic guidelines to follow:

1. Only say positive uplifting things.
2. K.I.S.S: Keep It Short and Simple.
3. Speak from the heart.
4. If uncertain ask someone you trust to proofread it.

Please use this letter which I wrote to my daughter as a guide for you to write your own letter of hope and encouragement.



Dear Myah,

I hope and pray that you are well. I have been thinking about you and there are couple of things that I wanted to remind you about. You are so gifted and talented and I am so excited about the plans that God has for you.

One of the key aspects to the decision and choices we make in life is that we must have a our identity. Right now you are living at a point in a young woman's life where there is some uncertainty about life, one's value and importance. Give me a moment to describe the way I see you.

Your purity stems from your heart, from which flows a desire for good and an hunger for God. Myah Gabrielle your name means (young maiden) 'a pure warrior'. Myah you are a perfect 10 + 2. You are the perfect score plus two more. When you look into the mirror you will see what I see: A beautiful, confident, competent, considerate, classy, creative, cultured, incredible, delightful, undeniable, spirit filled woman of faith. I want to know you, I desire to understand you. You have something to say, your words matter, your ideas are important.

Myah, Never give up! Be willing to forgive yourself and others! Be a problem solver! Use your talents to glorify God! Use your intellect to make this world a better place!

I celebrate the woman you are becoming.
I believe in you.
I have your back.
I love you.

Your ever faithful & proud father...



Chaplain Lonny Wortham and his daughter Myah.

(The letter is an excerpt. For the full letter please contact CH Wortham at yorlondo.s.wortham.mil@mail.mil.)



Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hash, Spc. Shawn Reed, and Sgt. Elias Wagner work on palletizing an aviation asset at Bagram Airfield.



Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hash and Sgt. Elias Wagner tighten the final straps of their pallet before shipment.



Master Sgt. William Fowler, Maj. David Magness and Spc. Mervin Allen clean, wash and fold up a connex to ship back to the United States at Kandahar Airfield.



Detachment 2: Afghanistan

Lt. Col. Mayb Sersland



The team has been busy in Afghanistan this past month. We have had three extensions: Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hash, Spc. Roberto Adams and Spc. Daneaa Natt. Spc. Adams chose to reenlist while riding in a

CH47 in Bagram, and Spc. Natt extended in front of a UH60 in Kandahar. We are excited for all of them to remain with the Guard family.

Group commander Col. Brian Connelly, Command Sgt. Maj. Nilsa Cruz and Safety Officer Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sam Thomas visited the troops in Bagram and Kandahar. They were able to participate in the shoulder sleeve insignia-former wartime service ceremonies in both locations. Please see page 9 for photos, and check out the TASMG [Facebook](#) page for even more photos.

The mission in Afghanistan is not light work. Our Soldiers are doing an excellent job maintaining the operational tempo. The Soldiers spend the majority of their day outside sorting through connexes and kicker boxes. The teams work hard in the Retro Sort, Tech Supply and SSAs. They also work with the combat aviation brigades to accomplish the retrograde mission. This month alone they have been a part of retrograding more than \$50 million worth of aviation parts and equipment. They will definitely get busier as the drawdown in Afghanistan moves forward.

The team has also constructed a break area. It's not 100% done but it is clearly on its way!



Soldiers at Bagram Airfield build a break shack in commemoration of Staff Sgt. Jay Burkins.

Task Force 16 – Detachment 2



Sgt. Elias Wagner goes for forty out of forty on the M16 qualification range in Kandahar.



Spc. Francis Chenui and Spc. Daneaa Natt work on the Unit Level Logistics System-Aviation (enhanced) in Kandahar.



Staff Sgt. Matthew Westervelt practices on the M9 range in Kandahar.



Staff Sgt. Willie Johnson walks back to the firing line after checking his target on the M9 range in Kandahar.



Cpt. Michael Bertsch, Staff Sgt. David Angle and Sgt. Kyle Schmidt fly a UH-60 Blackhawk with the 82nd Airborne at Bagram Airfield.



Cpt. Anthony Morris and Cpt. Michael Bertsch are about to find out this is not the bus to Disney World.

Soldier Spotlight: Spc. Francis Chenui

Interview by 2nd Lt. Ashley Meister

Spc. Francis Chenui is a 92A, logistical specialist, who lives in Baltimore, MD and is currently deployed to Kandahar Airfield (KAF), Afghanistan.

Please describe your current duties and responsibilities at KAF.
I perform retrograde duties in the aviation multi-class warehouse, which includes inventory management, storage, issue receipts, turn in functions and catalog management. We also create new locations for aviation parts and update stocks.

How does KAF compare to being in Kuwait?

I think I am very busy at KAF which is very important as far as the mission is concerned. I like that I am actually doing what I was trained to do in terms of my MOS.

Do you plan on having any early mornings to watch football games?

No! I am more concerned with my job than football and prefer to start my day at my jobsite.



Col. Brian Connelly pins an Army Achievement Medal on Spc. Francis Chenui in Afghanistan.



Spc. Francis Chenui receives his AMC shoulder insignia for wartime service.

Being at a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) base where there are many foreign military nationalities, what is your favorite foreign food that you have enjoyed in the chow hall if any?

I do not pay attention to the food being served. I eat what is available given the fact that I am away from home, I have to adapt with what is available. Normally at home I eat salad, fish and rice that I cook myself.

What is different about being on a NATO base compared to a U.S. military base like Camp Arifjan?

I think it is a good opportunity for me to interact and meet other Soldiers around the world. We kind of learn from each other. It is a good experience.

What have you been doing during your down time when you are not at work?

I do not have a lot of down time here at KAF, but I try to use the little time that I have in the gym.

Are you excited for the winter season that is approaching?

Not really, but I am interested to see what the Afghanistan winter brings.

Do you have a shout out that you would like to give to anyone back at home?

Shella Kiyang, my lovely wife who supports me every day and my two sons, Teo and Davy, who I miss a lot and wish them the best in Cameroon, Africa.

Shoulder Sleeve Insignia Ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles

The wear of Shoulder Sleeve Insignia has been an Army tradition since 1918 when General John J. Pershing authorized the 81st Division at Fort Jackson to wear an olive drab felt patch with the silhouette of a wildcat on the left shoulder. By World War II all Army units had a unique Shoulder Sleeve Insignia.

The Shoulder Sleeve Insignia-Former Wartime Service, better known as the combat patch, became an Army tradition during World War II. Commanders began the practice of presenting their Soldiers with Shoulder Sleeve Insignia during a ceremony on the battlefield. The purpose of the combat patch is to recognize Soldiers' participation in combat operations. To many Soldiers, it is a badge of honor.



The Army Materiel Command (AMC) shoulder sleeve insignia has been in service since 1962. The white area of the patch represents the command and control elements of the organization. The red area represents the Army, and the blue area represents industry. The design of the patch alludes to the flow of materiel through the equal and combined efforts of the Army and industry as directed.



Staff Sgt. Adrienne Toliver receives her fourth patch from Staff Sgt. Matthew Westervelt in Kandahar.



Cpt. Anthony Morris receives his AMC patch from Cpt. Michael Bertsch, while Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michelle Epps awaits her turn at Bagram Airfield.



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michelle Epps receives her patch from Cpt. Michael Bertsch at Bagram Airfield.



Col. Brian Connelly presents Cpt. Michael Bertsch with the AMC shoulder sleeve insignia during Connelly's battlefield circulation to Bagram Airfield.



Command Sgt. Maj. Nilsa Cruz congratulates Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hash after presenting him with his AMC patch at Bagram Airfield.



Spc. Mervin Allen receives his first patch from Master Sgt. William Fowler in Kandahar.

Awards and Recognition

Reenlistments

- Spc. Roberto Adams – 6 years
- Spc. DeAngelo Bell – 6 years
- Sgt. Christopher Cox – 6 years
- Spc. Daneaa Natt – 1 year
- Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Harris – 1 year



Spc. Daneaa Natt reenlists for one year.



Sgt. Paulette Smith and Spc. Benjamin Wentz each received an iPod Touch as a token of appreciation for their hard work and dedication to the TASMG mission.

Shoulder Sleeve Insignia

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| Col. Brian Connelly | 1st Lt. Ryan Jack |
| Lt. Col. Todd Tuttle | 2nd Lt. Ashley Meister |
| Lt. Col. Mayb Sersland | Chief Warrant Officer 5 Sam Thomas |
| Maj. David Magness | Chief Warrant Officer 4 Earl Dells |
| Maj. Chris Hail | Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Stahecki |
| Cpt. Michael Bertsch | Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michelle Epps |
| Cpt. Anthony Morris | Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Olsh |
| Command Sgt. Maj. Nilsa Cruz | Sgt. David Cimino |
| Sgt. Maj. Thomas Suraci | Sgt. Christopher Cox |
| 1st Sgt. David White | Sgt. Jason Lawrence |
| Master Sgt. William Fowler | Sgt. Kyle Schmidt |
| Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Gunter | Sgt. Cody Kaufman |
| Sgt. 1st Class Scott Hash | Sgt. Elias Wagner |
| Sgt. 1st Class Ivan Keene | Sgt. Collin York |
| Sgt. 1st Class Heather Lussier | Spc. Roberto Adams |
| Sgt. 1st Class Mark Tripp | Spc. Mervin Allen |
| Staff Sgt. David Angle | Spc. Francis Chenui |
| Staff Sgt. Willie Johnson | Spc. Monique Conley |
| Staff Sgt. Lelia McLean | Spc. Gregory Hobbs |
| Staff Sgt. Van Nguyen | Spc. Vincent McCallister |
| Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles | Spc. Brandon Moore |
| Staff Sgt. Adrienne Toliver | Spc. Daneaa Natt |
| Staff Sgt. Matthew Westervelt | Spc. Damion Rasberry |
| | Spc. Shawn Reed |



Promotions

Monique Conley – Specialist



Staff Sgt. Stephanie Newman pins Specialist on Monique Conley.

Awards

- Spc. Francis Chenui – Army Achievement Medal
- Spc. Mervin Allen – Army Achievement Medal
- Spc. Brandon Moore – Army Achievement Medal
- Spc. Shawn Reed – Army Achievement Medal
- Spc. Damion Rasberry – Army Achievement Medal

- Spc. Jonathan Tackett – Certificate of Appreciation
- Sgt. Paulette Smith – Token of Appreciation
- Spc. Benjamin Wentz – Token of Appreciation



Spc. Francis Chenui and Spc. Mervin Allen receive Army Achievement Medals in Afghanistan.



Col. Brian Connelly presents Spc. Brandon Moore with an Army Achievement Medal in Bagram, Afghanistan.

Safety Exercise

By Staff Sgt. Jonathan Delong

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Delong coordinated a safety event with 3/126 AVN Flight Operations, 3/126 General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB) UH-60 helicopter unit and the 1100th TSMG. The safety event focused on UH-60 Helicopter Crew Extraction training with the Camp Arifjan Fire Department. The event took place over the course of two days.

The Fire Department received a valuable class on the dangers of aircraft fires and how to safely determine the best way to extract crewmembers from a crashed UH-60. Delong utilized Staff Sgt. Philip Ziegler and Staff Sgt. Maximilian Rodela as subject matters experts to aid in additional information or training during the class and the hands-on portions.

Fire fighter crews had optimal training while working with the UH-60 flight crews from the 3/126 GSAB. They were able to perform the extractions several times, extracting pilots and crew chiefs from different positions of the UH-60. This type of training is not an annual requirement but it is much needed in today's military operations.



A crew chief gives a class on the danger of aircraft fires during the Safety Exercise at Patton Army Airfield at Camp Arifjan. (Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Jonathan Delong.)



A fire fighting crew practices crew extraction during the Safety Exercise. (Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Jonathan Delong.)



TASMG Soldiers Staff Sgt. Philip Zeigler and Staff Sgt. Rodela Maximilian played an important role in the NCO Induction Ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles.)



Spec. Karl Fujimoto, Spec. Henry Dedrick, Spec. Thomas Albert and Staff Sgt. Amber Love attended the NCO Induction Ceremony at Camp Arifjan. (Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles.)

NCO Induction Ceremony

By Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles

TASMG Soldiers attended an NCO Induction Ceremony at Camp Arifjan. Forty sergeants from 1st Sustainment Command (Theater) and its subordinate units were inducted in the ceremony.

An NCO induction ceremony is a celebration of the newly promoted sergeants joining the ranks of a professional noncommissioned officer corps. The ceremony also honors the memory of those who have served in the NCO corps with pride and distinction.

TASMG's 1st Sgt. David White participated in the ceremony. "I was honored to be selected. It is the first Induction Ceremony I've ever attended," said White. "It reinforces esprit de corps. The NCO Induction Ceremony shows junior NCOs what it means to be a member of this time-honored organization, and it reminds senior NCOs why we do this job." White also added that the Induction Ceremony is something he is interested in bringing back with him to Maryland for the TASMG on a smaller scale.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation



Left to Right: Spc. Brandon Moore, Spc. Shawn Reed, Spc. Roberto Adams and Cpt. Anthony Morris get ready for a basketball tournament in Bagram. *(Photo courtesy of CW3 John Olsh.)*



Left to Right: Chief Warrant Officer 3 John Olsh, Staff Sgt. Douglas Blood, Sgt. Van Nguyen and Sgt. 1st Class Heather Lussier enjoy a break at the MWR in Afghanistan. *(Photo courtesy of CW3 John Olsh.)*



Col. Brian Connelly shows his support for the Baltimore Orioles. *(Photo courtesy of CW3 John Olsh.)*

Birthdays

- Sgt. Jeffrey Holter – 3 November
- Chief Warrant Officer 4 Earl Dells – 3 November
- Staff Sgt. Gabriel Arnal – 9 November
- Spc. Vincent McCallister – 19 November
- Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Stahecki – 22 November

MWR in Afghanistan

TASMG Soldiers in Afghanistan are very busy, but they do take a moment for rest and resiliency whenever there is an opportunity. Participating in organized sporting events, or a pickup game of cards or pool offers TASMG Soldiers a chance to take a break before heading back to the mission.



Soldiers in Bagram help Sgt. Van Nguyen shout out a Happy Birthday to his daughter back home in Hawaii. *(Photo courtesy of Sgt. 1st Class Heather Lussier.)*



Spc. Roberto Adams and fellow TASMG Soldiers wish a very Happy Birthday to Kiyana and Samiya. *(Photo courtesy of Sgt. 1st Class Heather Lussier.)*



Spc. Allen Mervin gets into the Halloween spirit at the MWR in Kandahar. *(Photo courtesy of 2nd Lt. Ashley Meister.)*

Army Ten-Miler

The Army Ten-Miler is the second largest ten-mile race in the U.S. It is traditionally held every October in Washington, DC; however, various organizations sponsor a Shadow Run in other locations for maximum participation. Navy Federal Credit Union sponsored a Shadow Run on Camp Arifjan. TASMG finishers include Maj. Chris Hall, Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Stahecki, Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles, Sgt. Billie Arrant, Sgt. Amanda King and Spc. Mark Stevenson. Congratulations, finishers!



Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Stahecki and Spc. Mark Stevenson break into an easy stride at the beginning of the Army Ten-Miler Race on Camp Arifjan. (Photos courtesy of ASG-KU.)



Spc. Charles Brauning and Sgt. Frederick Balanza spend much of their free time at the USO. (Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles.)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sgt. Blessing Enosin and his wife Bose Rosemary who welcomed a new baby boy into the world. Victor Osamudiamen Enosin was born October 28, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces.



Welcome to the world, Victor! (Photo courtesy of Sgt. Blessing Enosin.)



Happy Halloween from the Super Heroes of S3.

We want your photos!

Please submit a photo to:
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SHELBY.R.ROBLES.MIL@MAIL.MIL



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1st Sgt. David White presents Sgt. Blessing Enosin with a football to give to his newborn son. (Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Ramona Robles.)